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Mr. David L. Bauer
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Dear Mr. Bauer:

On February 20, 1986 a hazardous waste investigation was conducted at your Vine Hill, CA facility. During the course of this investigation, information was gathered in accordance with Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976. A copy of our investigation report is enclosed for your information.

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If you have questions related directly to technical aspects of this report, please contact Barry Cofer at (415) 974-7844. Questions related to your interim status should be directed to the Berkeley office of the Department of Health Services at (415) 540-2043.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Kathleen G. Shimmin
Chief, Field Operations Branch

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CONCURRENCES							
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Inspection Report
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
Toxics and Waste Management Division
Field Operations Branch

Purpose: RCRA Investigation

Facility: IT Corp., Vine Hill Facility
896 Waterbird Way
Martinez, CA 94553

EPA ID number: CAD000094771

Report number: R(86)E082

Date of Investigation: February 20, 1986

EPA Inspectors: Barry Cofer
Field Investigator

Tamara Brode
Environmental Engineer

Facility Representative: Micheal S. Foster
Program Manager, Environmental Affairs

G. Douglas Clark
Regional Director for Regional Compliance

Report Prepared By: Barry Cofer

Report Date: March 28, 1986

BACKGROUND

This inspection was conducted to determine how the facility was coping with the surface impoundment freeboard requirements. From 9.5" to 10" of rain had fallen in the six days preceding the inspection.

INVESTIGATION

The Vine Hill facility of IT Corporation was not accepting waste at the time of inspection. A portable pump was being utilized to equalize the ponds. Pond 101 had less than 24" freeboard unless the dike roadway crown was considered as the berm. See photographs, Attachment #1, pages 2-3. The former Acme Fill Corp. ponds were reportedly used for rainwater storage only.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

40 CFR 265.222 (a): Facility did not maintain enough freeboard to prevent any overtopping of the dike by overfilling, wave action, or a storm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Photographs

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ATTACHMENT #1
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DATE: 2/20/86 NAME: BRODE
DESCRIPTION: POND 105 - CONTENTS
BEING PUMPED VIA PIPELINE TO
FT. BAKER

DATE: 2/20/86 NAME: BRODE
DESCRIPTION: POND 101



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DATE: 2/20/86 NAME: COFER
DESCRIPTION: SLUDGE IN
POND 101



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DATE: 2/20/86 NAME: BRODE
DESCRIPTION: DETAIL OF POND 101

DATE: 2/20/86 NAME: BRODE
DESCRIPTION: PORTABLE PUMP FOR
POND EQUALIZATION



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DATE: 2/20/86 NAME: BRODE
DESCRIPTION: POND FORMERLY OWNED
BY ACME FILL

